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SCHEME FOR TEXTILE INDUSTRY
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have formulated any scheme for setting up textile industry and weaving centers in Various States;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) whether the condition of handloom industry and weavers is deteriorating day by day in Varanasi and Mau districts of Uttar Pradesh; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken by the Government to ameliorate the condition thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES SHRI BASANAGOUDA R. PATIL (YATNAL)

(a) & (b) Government has launched the following schemes namely
(i) `Apparel Parks for Exports` for setting up of apparel manufacturing units of international standard to give a fillip to exports and promote investments in the apparel sector;
(ii) `Textile Centres Infrastructure Development Scheme(TCIDS)` in order to improve infrastructure facilities in existing clusters that have potential for growth;
(iii) Deen Dayal Hathkargha Protsahan Yojana (DDHPY) to provide financial assistance and support to handloom weavers for the entire gamut of activities that they execute to produce fabric, in order to improve quality, productivity & marketability; and
(iv) Programme for modernisation of weaving capacities through induction of 50,000 shuttless looms and 2.5 lakh semi-automatic/automatic looms in the decentralised Powerloom sector, under which encouragement and assistance is given to obtain credit for modernisation at interest rates lowered by 5% or with a 12% credit linked capital subsidy. The schemes are available to all states; assistance is released on proposals sent and approved as per guidelines.

(c) & (d) No report has been received about the deteriorating condition of handloom industry in Varanasi and Mau Districts of Uttar Pradesh.

Under the Deen Dayal Hathkargha Protsahan Yojana, one project involving Central Assistance of Rs. 5.525 lakh has been sanctioned for Mau district and 38 projects with Central assistance of Rs 171.74 lakh have been sanctioned in Varanasi district so far. Out of these amounts, Rs 2.76 lakh and Rs 85.58 lakh respectively have already been released.

Apart from DDHPY, Government has also been implementing a number of Schemes for the welfare of the handloom weavers, viz. Workshed-cum-Housing, Health Package, Group Insurance, Thrift Fund, and New Insurance. During the last three years, an amount of about Rs. 22.46 crore has been released to the State Government of Uttar Pradesh and its agencies under the Handloom Schemes.